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June 13, 2006

The Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is charged with the important mission and responsibility of protecting the well-being of children who may otherwise be exposed to grave danger. In order to accomplish this sensitive work, it is imperative that we provide our social workers with as much support and resources as possible.

Understanding the importance of protecting our children, Assembly Member Karen Bass and the State Legislature have identified funding that will significantly reduce the current caseload for our social workers at DCFS and provide additional transitional housing for emancipated youth. If such funding is ultimately allocated, it will enable us to further enhance the quality of care, time and attention that each social worker can devote toward protecting our children. Additionally, this crucial funding can be directed to providing emancipated youth with appropriate training and resources as they strive toward an independent and productive adult life.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Administrative Officer and our state legislative advocates to support the Legislature's proposed budget increase that would improve casework staffing levels, provide support

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for kin and permanent placement, and help foster youth achieve success through housing and education assistance programs; and

I FURTHER MOVE THAT this Board send a five-signature letter to the California State Assembly Speaker, the State Senate Pro Temp, and the Governor urging their support for the budget increases described herein.

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YBB:GP:nra (State DCFS Budget Increase motion 061306)